

Pruitt, Scott E.

MP May 1, 2012

Master Sgt. Scott E. Pruitt

Marine from Gautier slain

Killed by IED in Afghanistan on Saturday, Pruitt remembered as great human being, brother, son, father.

By Kaija Wilkinson
kwilkinson@
themississippipress.com

Marine Corps Master Sgt. Scott E. Pruitt, 38, of Gautier was killed Saturday by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan, just two months after he volunteered to return to that country to lead his troops, according to his older brother.

"I think what makes the story even more tragic is that he was set to retire in a year and had earned rank over an entire platoon," 40-year-old Paul Pruitt said about his brother in a phone interview from Santa Monica, Calif., where he lives.

"But he volunteered to go back into combat because he thought it was the right thing to do."

The Department of Defense said that Scott Pruitt died in Helmand province on Saturday in combat maneuvers.

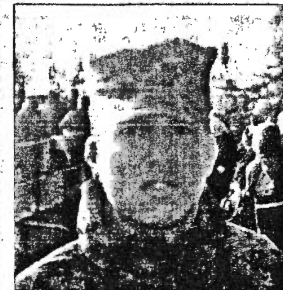
He had been assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He lived in Murietta, Calif.

Scott Pruitt is the second

See Pruitt, Page 4A



Master Sgt. Scott E. Pruitt was killed Saturday while serving in Afghanistan. In images from his Facebook page, he is shown above with his fiancée, Tricia Anderson-Lane of Virginia; and below and to the left in his military attire. (Images from Scott Pruitt's Facebook page)



Pruitt

continued from page 1A

soldier from Gautier to die serving in Afghanistan.

Army Maj. Michael Green, a 36-year-old Special Forces officer, was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan on Jan. 7, 2008.

Scott Pruitt graduated from Pascagoula High School in 1992, according to his brother, who graduated two years earlier.

Paul Pruitt described his brother as "just a great human being, an amazing brother, son, and father."

"I can say, without bias, that he was a very decent, dependable, hard-working, good person. He was as good of a person as you could find."

He is survived by two daughters, ages 9 and 4, who also live in California, and his fiancée, Tricia Anderson-Lane of Virginia.

His Facebook page re-

veals that he liked TV comedy shows such as "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Seinfeld," and "The Office," as well as competitive cooking shows such as "Hell's Kitchen."

After graduating from Pascagoula High, Scott Pruitt earned a BA in criminal justice from American Military University.

Master Sgt. Pruitt earned his rank on Jan. 1, 2010, and was specialized as a financial management resource

analyst, according to the Marines' public information office.

He was set to end active service on June 23, 2013.

His awards include:

- Purple Heart Medal
- Three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals
- Five Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals
- Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
- Two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals

■ Afghanistan Campaign Medal

■ Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

■ Four Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbons

■ Two National Defense Service Medals

■ North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal

■ Three Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations

Funeral arrangements for Pruitt are pending.

Pascagoula Public Library
Local History & Genealogy Dept.
Pruitt Family

Pruitt Jr., Cleveland
Lee

Mar. 11, 2010



PRUITT, JR.

Mr. Cleveland Lee Pruitt, Jr. 56 of Escatawpa, MS passed away on March 3, 2010. Cleveland was born in Biloxi, Mississippi to Mrs. Jessie Lee Pruitt and the late Cleveland Lee Pruitt, Sr.

Cleveland joined Summer-ville United Methodist Church in Escatawpa, MS at an early age. He also served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States National Guard Reserve. Cleveland was employed at Biloxi (VA Hospital) Veterans Hospital for twenty seven years where he made many friends and fond memories. He was a head cook in the food and nutrition department. He also received numerous cooking awards, as well as special recognition awards.

Mr. Pruitt is preceded in death by his father, Cleveland Lee Pruitt, Sr.

He is survived by two devoted daughters, Kalesha (Darrien) Henderson, Mikiya (Fiance Shun Hudson) Pruitt, both of Mobile, Alabama; devoted mother, Jessie Lee Pruitt, Escatawpa, MS; four precious grandchildren, Khalil, Kymbrefa, Kenterrius Henderson, and Marquavious Marshall all of Mobile, AL; two devoted sisters, Rose (Charles, Sr.) Plainer and Mary Marshall both of Moss Point, MS; six devoted brothers, Morris (Lavell) Simmons, Jimmy Pruitt, Darryl Pruitt, Darius Pruitt, Bobby Pruitt, Tony Pruitt, all of Escatawpa, MS and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00am Friday, March 12, 2010 at Summerville United Methodist Church, Dutch Bayou Road, Escatawpa, MS with viewing one hour prior to the serv-

ice. Rev. Willie Hill will be officiating. Interment will be in Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS.
All Arrangements Entrusted to Millender's Funeral Home, Moss Point, MS.
www.millenders.com

Pascagoula Public Library
Local History & Genealogy Dept.
Pruitt Family

11/30/02

JACKSON-GEORGE REGIONAL

Dear [REDACTED] Library,

Please forward this to your acquisitions person. Our book was published in July by Gateway Press Inc. of Baltimore, MD and is hardcover and about 360 pages, to include; a color coat of arms/family crest, a few pictures, an appendix, index, and bibliography. This book covers a time span from about 1500 in England up to 2002 in America for all known Prouts related to Captain Timothy Prout of Boston. The book is titled "*Ancestry and Descendants of Captain Timothy Prout of Boston*" and the listed author is Dale Ellison Prout. The price for the book (each) is \$48.00 total. This will include shipping, handling, etc. There are a limited number of copies being printed and they are only for sale by the author. Send a check, payable to Dale Prout, as soon as possible. As you may or may not know, there is no book/genealogy on this Prout Family anywhere. We are proud to finally, after more than 100 years of working on it, have a book on the ancestry and descendants of our Captain Timothy Prout.

Thanks for all your help,
Bill (803-648-5689) and Dale (803-649-9649)
e-mail address: drprout@aikenelectric.net

Send your check to:
Dale Prout
26 Troon Way
Aiken, S.C. 29803

PS: Many Prouts moved South and are in this book. In the late 1700s a cousin, Joshua Prout, married into the Wade family and had a plantation in Anson County, NC. In about 1814 this family moved to the Mississippi Territory. In fact we still have cousins living there today. We would hope that you would want this important work.

Thanks!
Dale Prout